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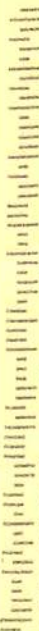
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**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**JAMES D. JOHNSON, as next friend to
Olivia Y., *et al.***

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO: 3:04-CV-251-TSL-FKB

**PHIL BRYANT, as Governor
of the State of Mississippi, *et al.***

DEFENDANTS

INTERIM REMEDIAL ORDER

As contemplated by Paragraph 6 of the July 23, 2015 Agreed Order Continuing the Hearing on Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion for Contempt (the "Agreed Order") [Dkt. 664 at 3-4], the Court has been advised that the parties have negotiated this Interim Remedial Order based on the recommendations of Public Catalyst. Having reviewed the Interim Remedial Order, the Court finds that it is consistent with the Agreed Order and orders as follows:

1. Defendants will, not later than the date this order is signed, begin implementing an "in-but-not-of" model that houses the Division of Family and Children's Services ("DFCS") within the Mississippi Department of Human Services ("MDHS"), independent of MDHS management and oversight. DFCS will be led by an Executive Director reporting directly to the Governor. DFCS will begin oversight of its own budget, personnel, and management information system